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1. Vansovich**, Exportkhleb representative from Mukden who arrived in Tientsin in early April to investigate market conditions, agreed with Titov and Uss that the situation does not permit the opening of Exportkhleb offices in North China at this time.
2. Titov and Uss spent four days in Peiping at the beginning of April and saw the leaders of the Chinese Communist North China Government, who said that the peace talks would show the world that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is eager to end hostilities.
3. Tikhvinsky told Suvorchenkov*** that the CCP leaders are now agreed on LIN Piao's plan for an all out drive against the Kuomintang. The plan involves taking Hankow by crossing the Yangtze above and below Nanking, and the encirclement of Nanking and Shanghai, which cities would not be occupied owing to lack of administrative personnel.
4. Suvorchenkov told Uss and Titov that CCP agents in Peiping had discovered that the American Consul was attempting to contact the Nationalist peace delegates, offering to act as unofficial adviser in the hope of getting knowledge of the proceedings.
5. Uss stated that a message from Nanking, dated 11 April 1949, indicated that Premier HO Ying-chin had visited Ambassador Roshchin in Canton and asked for the latter's unofficial influence and assistance to the Nationalists in the peace negotiations. Roshchin refused, saying that he had orders not to contact MAO Tse-tung. The Soviet Ambassador indicated that he would remain in Canton, since Nanking would soon be a dangerous place.
5. N. N. Vladimirov reported that his son had received a letter from an officer on the Chinese Communist general staff in Harbin which stated that large movements of Soviet troops had taken place during the past six weeks from Ulan Bator via Ulan Ude to the Amur River area between Dauria (116-50, 49-55) and Blagoveshchensk, and also on the frontier of Sinkiang Province.**** The

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letter was brought by Soviet Tank Corps Colonel Kaprianov, who arrived in Tientsin 9 April 1949 to serve as adviser to a Chinese Communist tank division.

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* See [REDACTED] for comment on the questionable reliability of this source.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. Leonid Nikolayevich Vansovich, 36 years of age, was employed at Churin Company's Universal Store in Mukden as a salesclerk in 1947. He was a member of the council of the Soviet Citizens' Association of Mukden. During the same period, a Vansovich was assistant to Nikolai Rummyantsev, in the legal section of the Changchun Railway, Shenyang District. This latter Vansovich was reported to be very close to Leonid Almazov, head of Torgpredstvo in Mukden. He may be Nikolai Nikolayevich Vansovich, aged 39, of Mukden. Either man could possibly be the person mentioned above.

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*** See [REDACTED]. 25X1A2g

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**** [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] paragraph 3d, reported a Soviet troop movement to Ulan Bator. Geographical considerations would indicate that two movements are referred to above.

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